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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

NAVAL WAR COLLEGE
NEWPORT. R. I.

March 14, 1960

Dear Rafe:

It is a great pleasure to invite you once again to attend our annual Global Strategy Discussions here at the War College. This year they will be held during the period 6 - 10 June. I hope very much that you will be able to accept this invitation.

I know of no one any more conversant with our procedures and with the purposes of the Discussions, and therefore I will not insult your intelligence by setting forth any of the usual things which I write in the average general invitation.

I hope we can have a successful meeting this year, and I know that you will add a great deal to the Discussions.

Will you please let me know, when convenient, whether or not you can accept this invitation. Meanwhile with all good wishes as always,

Faithfully,


S. H. INGERSOLL

Rear Admiral Richard W. Bates, USN (Ret)
Bohemian Club
Post and Taylor Streets
San Francisco, California

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DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

POMONA COLLEGE
CLAREMONT, CALIFORNIA

16 March 1960

Dear Rafe,

I was delighted to receive the other day your very thoughtful gift of H. M. Wriston's Academic procession. He is certainly one of the most distinguished men in the field of education today, and I look forward to reading his book. I saw him two or three times during the year that I was at the War College, and this gives the book additional interest for me. Thank you very much for your thoughtfulness in sending the book to me.

After having your note of 4 January from San Francisco, I have been hoping that you would find your way to this part of California this winter and that I might have the pleasure of seeing you here. I would certainly not let you off with such a short visit as you made a year ago. Perhaps, if you are still on the coast, you will come this way yet.

The second term is farther along than I like to think when I count all the things which still have to be done. Our spring vacation begins on 1 April, and for me it will be somewhat lengthened since I am attending a conference at Berkeley from 10 to 13 April.

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I had thought that I would stay in California all this summer in hopes of getting some real work done, but the people at Mystic have been very insistent about my coming back and so I have agreed to be there for three weeks -- from the last week in July until mid-August. I hope to get to Newport for a weekend, and if I don't see you in California before, perhaps I will catch you then.

With renewed thanks for the book and for your good wishes, I am,

Faithfully yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "John Kenble". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name "John Kenble".

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March 20, 1960
Athens, Greece.

Dear Admiral,

I trust this letter finds you in the best of health and that the book has been completed quite successfully.

At the present time I am here steaming with the sixth fleet on the USS Nitro AE 23

I have reached the grade of Interior Communications Electrician 2nd class since I left your office in June 1957 and I have about 7 months of naval service remaining in the Navy.

When we arrive in Naples, Italy I will try and locate Chief Yeoman Piffenour if he still is stationed there at the Nato. building.

May God bless you always from a sailor who admires you for a gentleman and the greatest naval officer I ever met.

Very Respectfully
Jerry E. Queen IC2 USN.

UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND

DEPARTMENT OF
ENGLISH, HISTORY, AND GOVERNMENT

12 April 1960

Rear Admiral R. W. Bates, USN (Ret.)
c/o The Bohemian Club
Post and Taylor Streets
San Francisco, California

Dear Admiral Bates:

Thanks so much for your kind letter of 6 April.

Luckily the Office of Naval History was able to solve my problem concerning Kurita's track. They furnished me with translations of the action reports of the Yamato and the Haguro in the Battle off Samar. All course changes are noted, and since I know that Kurita had been slowed down by battle damage to about 20 knots after 0930, I am sure I can plot his track.

I certainly deplore the closing of your section. Aside from the reasons you give, it is a disservice to history to stop the work when participants are alive to fill in details. The records may be kept, but those memories cannot. The work you were doing cannot be done later.

We always show your film on Midway during the naval history course. Because of its length, we show it on the midshipmen's own time. Nearly all come and most regard it as a high point of the course. A good many in fact get the Coral Sea and Savo Island from training aids to show in Bancroft Hall.

I finally was able to word the Battle for Leyte Gulf in such a way as to please Admirals Nimitz and Kinkaid and not too greatly displease Admiral Carney--without omitting any pertinent facts. Admiral Halsey read my first version and objected. I think he would not object to the final form except on the same point that Admiral Carney does. Neither he nor Halsey could ever be convinced that Ozawa's Northern Force was a decoy. The trick was to tell the facts but to explain each man's decisions from his own point of view.

I envy you San Francisco. My wife and I had a wonderful week in Berkeley last summer as house guests of the Nimitzes.

Sincerely yours,

E. B. Potter
E. B. Potter

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REMSEN DUBOIS BIRD

Admiral R. W. Bates,
Care the Bohemian Club,
Past and Taylor, San Francisco, California

Dear Rafe-

Thank you for your most stimulating letter of the 13th. I cannot begin to get down all that stirs about inside me, in its consideration! So please come down again and let's lunch at the OCC and then talk and talk!

I have been reading the essays of Paul Tillich which certainly join in the stimulation. There are grave dangers in this auspicious time, as he makes very clear. In this particular year we are, as it looks at this moment, about to tear ourselves to pieces in political, economic, and religious conflict, and the protracted conflict, which is really The Great Demonstration will take at least a second place!

In our zeal for economic and social security, the love and defense of liberty and true spiritual security are in danger of being submerged. The desire for the better car, the speedier plane, all the new gadgets, and the constant dinging away at us of Madison Street, and the satisfactions of the "material" are a great hazard to the happy, expanding and creative soul!!

Be Calm my Soul, pause in your pursuit and wonder!!

As I began this letter, my eyes lighted on a book on my shelf; "The Prophets" by Adolphe Lods, which stands alongside in thoughtful relationship with "The Image of America", "The Protracted Conflict" "America the Vincible" "China, Confucian and Communist" and Charles de Gaulle's "The Edge of the Sword"!! In their proximity there is much to muse about!

Sometime read the 6th Chapter of Isaiah, the discerning "prophecies of Amos", and the book of Habakuk! It was a day of relatively great prosperity when Amos betook himself from the desert of Tekoa to the gathering at the altar of Bethel! Ponder especially "the basket of summer fruit" and "The man with a plumbline".

There have been moments in this evolving flow of humanity when the cultural dynamics have wrought a "flower time". We are in one of them, potentially now! Tillich expresses it, "The eternal breaks into time and time is prepared to receive!"

When Socrates was a soldier, so it is reported, he stood, without moving for a whole night, lost in contemplation and wonder.....

So come down one of these days and let us take up your letter paragraph by paragraph, for we place liberty, humanity, integrity, and the defense and fulfillment of the same, above these other values!...

PO2502
Carmel, Cal
April 16, 1960

Cordially



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President Clark Kerr,
University of California
Berkeley, California

Dear Clark:-

Yesterday at the Postoffice, DeWitt Rucker and I sat in the automobile for some time discussing the University and its inevitable expansion. He said that he had heard from "good authority" that the decision to establish an additional campus in the Almaden area was a final one and that property was becoming acquired and plans were definitely being made! He also had picked up the opinion that its coming there was not welcome on the part of San Jose, proud of its State College, and on the part of the people of Almaden and the property owners who had other intentions for their land!

We talked, with "starry eyes" of this unspoiled, beautiful, and suitable area beyond the Marina, from the shore and rivermouth over the oak covered hills to the highway 101, and wondered why those who determine such matters, as the plan and purpose of this great university, had never come to consider the possibilities of this highly endowed Peninsula! *WJ*

DeWitt Rucker, said that he would gladly do anything he could to bring together the property owners to discuss this great opportunity with the authorities of the University. He said that the area could be planned mindful of the interests of the University and of a related community, and that he believed that in such planning, the land needed by the university could be provided, the property owners receiving a proper profit, related institutions for a "University City" located, and all done with masterly planning.

There are several communities, with some exaggeration! almost in sight from the acropolis of this area — Watsonville, Moss Landing, Gilroy, San Juan Baptista, Salinas, Castroville, Monterey, Marina, De Rey Oaks, and Seaside. It is inevitable that they will grow, and speedily, towards one another. As you yourself wrote, there will indeed be millions here in the not distant future.

It was my experience, before the University of California was located at Westwood to wander all over that area, when there was hardly a house visible, except Jake Danziger's at the top of the Beverly Hills! How very unfortunate it is that some such vision did not inspire all who determined what should happen there!

That so great a hero, defender of our land in its greatest crisis, should lead in counsel, as Admiral Raymond Spruance, is not something, dear Mr. President to be taken lightly, is it? Nor are these observations for the ~~stagnant~~ matter!..

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Carmel, Cal
April 16

Cordially



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Mr. Paul Johnson, Editor
Lane Book Company
210 Walter Hays Drive, Palo Alto, California

Dear Paul:-

Thank you for your letter and for the careful consideration which obviously has been given the Dorn paintings of the missions. I wish naturally very much that they could have been given the kind of treatment which all of us desired, but it is certainly evident that full consideration has been given. I will pass on your letter at once to Frank Dorn and your suggestions I am sure he will appreciate.

But there is so much in your letter on other matters which I wish very much we could sit and talk about and wonder about, that I am more than eager to have you come down some day and spend some hours with me!

The Magazine for Friendship is the vision and drive of Albert Croissant and I am sure he will want to talk with you about what has come of this endeavor to explain and inspire and unite the forces for the Good!

It is the same kind of drive that moves in Palmer Beaudette in his Foundation for the biological sciences.

What I would like to display for you especially is the congeries of educational forces which are spread about this highly endowed community, which, it seems to many here, should be brought into relationship and guidance by the University of California. Here attached letter from Dyke Brown, Vice President of the Ford Foundation.

There is probably no one who has studied the whole of California as you have. I have before me now your Guide book which is good evidence.

Ralph Boynton, Training Director for the Bank of America, who lives near you spent a day with us this week. He knows... Please come and let us show you! There is a kind of "Eairoa" "fullness of time, very clear to see if you look and wonder. "The eternal breaks through into time and time is prepared to receive it" as Paul Tillich expresses it! It is a great opportunity for the young and the aging!!

POB502
Carmel, Cal
April 16

Cordially

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April 19.1060.

R.W.Bates, Rear Admiral USN.
Bohemian Club
San Francisco, California.

Dear Admiral Bates:

Thank you for your letter of April 12. returning my invoice of February 29. I am enclosing your letter of February 26. ordering a plant of Phal. Admiral Bates. While it mentions a friend, it does not mention Mr. Winslow (one of our customers). Therefore the plant was send to you in care of Del Monte Lodge. I have no way of knowing what the final disposition of the plant was. If you want me to send another plant, please confirm the order. An indication of the price desired would also be of help.

Again thank you for your letter,

Sincerely yours :

March

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OLDSMOBILE

Douglas Olds-Cadillac, Inc.

P. O. BOX 205 BROADWAY STATION

Newport, Rhode Island

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April 19, 1960

Dear Batesy:

Thank you for your card with the enclosure of the destroyer bumping ashore near our property. That morning I got up at about 6:30 AM and could not see the ground from my bedroom window. About 7:30 AM, the fog having lifted, I could see considerable activity off the rocks. There were several Navy tugs as well as other small craft moving about. Not believing such an incredible happening could occur to one of your confreres, I felt it was merely a reception party awaiting the USS Yellowstone's return from its duty in the Mediterranean. Needless to say, by eight o'clock the whole thing was on the radio, everyone was excited, Ocean Drive glutted with cars, people running across our lawn.... You might think the world was coming to an end. By 11:30 AM the ship was off the beach on its way back to her berth with relatively little damage. However, the McGowan has gone to some yard in Boston for repairs. What has happened to the poor Commander I would not know, but I assume you would have ample opinion on that.

Regarding the Lorelei in the vicinity of my house there is little I can say, but if they don't stop coming up on my shores I agree with you that something will have to be done. At the present time I am in the act of building a small swimming pool for the relaxation and exercise of my father, in which I hope the Navy does not also try to navigate.

All goes well here in Newport; seems to be considerable activity regarding building of bridges, airports, clubs, and what have you. If 10% of everything that is in the air stays in orbit, Newport will have a renewed face. Naturally I am behind a good deal of this horrible modern thinking.

Crawford Hill's death, of course, was a bitter blow to us all, but the older we get the more we will have to bear with these things. Mrs. Harold Brown is also on the verge of death, and the son of a friend of mine was just killed on the Southeast Boston Expressway, naturally in a small foreign car, Henry Gerry by name, whose great grandfather was a signer of the Declaration of Independence and whose grandfather, Elbridge T. Gerry, was a Rhode Island Senator.

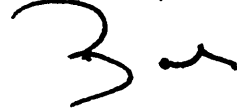
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April 19, 1960

Your friend Happy Hunter has had a very poor winter, excessive drinking, bronchitis bordering on pneumonia just recently, and frankly but bluntly I would not be surprised to see him next to go. The Reading Room has had a new parking area completed, the old house having been torn down. The drinking porch on the rear of the clubhouse is being extended into the garden, thereby creating considerable more room for elbow bending.

That's about all for now. We all look forward to your return.
Best regards.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'RWB' with a flourish.

Admiral R. W. Bates
Bohemian Club
San Francisco, California

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Editorial Offices

May 19, 1960

Rear Admiral R. W. Bates, USN (Ret.)
12 Mt. Vernon Street
Newport, Rhode Island

Dear Admiral Bates:

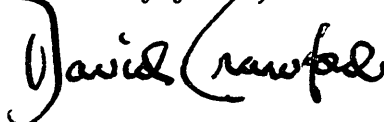
We are very pleased that you will be able to undertake the assignment of revising and expanding your article on Naval Strategy for Collier's Encyclopedia, along the lines outlined in our letter of April 7. We are enclosing a tearsheet of the article at present in the set which, as you know, is part of a larger article on Military Strategy and Tactics.

After careful consideration, we feel that 900 words should cover this area adequately, especially as the subject will be dealt with elsewhere in the set, in brief, in our article on Naval Warfare. We can offer you a fee of \$30.00 for this work, and trust you can meet a deadline of July 30, 1960, for the completed manuscript. Contracts in duplicate are enclosed herewith for your signature. Please sign and return both copies to us, and we will then send you back your file copy. Will you please also fill in and return to us the enclosed biographical form for our Contributors' List.

Could you also furnish us with the names of three or four books of general interest on the subject of naval strategy, giving such information as the author's and publisher's name, date of publication, and where published. We require this for our Bibliography.

Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,



David Crawford
Managing Editor
Collier's Encyclopedia

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Enclosure

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165 WEST SCHOOL HOUSE LANE
PHILADELPHIA 44, PENNSYLVANIA

June 2, 1960

Dear Rafe:

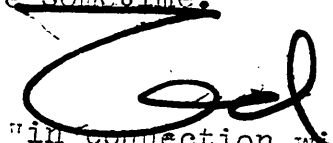
Many, many thanks for your letter...one of the best you ever wrote...I am delighted to see that the old spark still flames and that you are still the grand out-spoken character of old..."Your statement is accepted in part"...You are probably right that some things went very well ~~at~~ the reunion, but you are not a student of Naval Academy history re-reunions.... Viz;-you never read up on the past accounts of 45th reunions as recorded in "Shipmate"..I have them all at hand and can tell you that we did not place first by any means...As far as that goes, they were all below par..(West Point level)..In the five years to come we may wake up, but who can tell..I myself, together with Tully Shelley, will ~~draft~~ a memoriam to the Class Secretary of what we think should be included in the next (50th) reunion. (or even a 46th or 47th reunion)..I hope that the class will realize that this lousy idea of "Homecoming week" (which sprang from the middle west--noted for its bad taste--is not the time to "gather the clan"..We might even impress on other classes that September is one H of a time to expect any kind of a gathering..I suggest that all classes convene on Annapolis in June week or...if that is too impracticable...early in May, when one can sit out of doors and perhaps see a ball game..With the new arrangement of Carvel Hall as a sort of "Hotel Thayer" we should be able to combine a lot of things..

This next week I hope to see Tully before his departure (He sails the 10th) we have a date for 12:30 at the University Club..Where we will lunch is any one's guess..I wish you could be there too...Our date is for Wednesday the 8th...I hope also that we can meet up with Janet Schott who is still here visiting..I'll phone her to-night and see what the chances are..That is all we have in prospect at present...Tully has his big family and the Dickman's have not yet gone to Mason's Is, Conn so we could'nt arrange a meeting there..in Connecticut.

We saw the San Francisco "giants" the other night and I really think they have a good chance of bringing the pennant to Candlestick Park (barring traffic jams!) Gawd what power they have!

Your old flame Betty Riegel languishes for you at the Boston Museum of Fine Arts ...or at box 43 Rockport, Mass..In her last statement about reunions she said;--(But I'll leave that to you!)..Take a run over there sometime.

Sincerely,



PS I object to the word "emotional" in connection with my suggestions...That's all "common sense" (a rare thing in the service)

PS..Demain, c'est l'anniversaire de mon grand chien, "Blockbusters Tay-Teg Jaiki", et après, le 4 Juin (Notre anniversaire all'L'academie Navele..1915) il entre dans les grands concours des chiens a Huntingdon Valley..."Vive Blockbuster!"

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

June 8, 1960

Rear Adm. R. W. Bates, USN (Ret)
12 Mt. Vernon Street
Newport, Rhode Island

Dear Admiral:

Many thanks for your note written from the Reading Room which brings back nostalgic memories of pleasant days in Newport.

You are correct in saying that Jim Hunnewell is a neighbor of ours and we dined with him the other day. He is very interested in Navy affairs and seems to be keeping up well.

I am sorry to have missed PT activities during the winter but a broken leg, acquired on Washington's birthday while skiing with the family, seems to have been somewhat of a handicap. However, all is going well now and I hope to take off for Bermuda on the 18th on the "Angelique".

As far as your correspondence regarding Rhode Island taxes with Leeson is concerned, I have very little comment. We are having enough problems here in Massachusetts with taxes so that Rhode Island has not received much attention. All I can say is that "I'm against taxes".

We will be around Newport on Friday evening, the 17th, and if I have a chance I will give you a call. It would be great fun to see you again and to renew a few of our stories of days gone by.

Once again, many thanks for dropping me a note and best of luck to you.

Sincerely,



Roger H. Hallowell

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

June 16, 1960

Rear Adm. R. W. Bates, USN (Ret)
12 Mt. Vernon Street
Newport, Rhode Island

Dear Admiral:

Many thanks for your note and invitation to dine
with you on Friday Night.

I wish I could do this but I am afraid that I
will be tied up with the crew of the Angelique.
Also, I hear that you ran into a few difficulties
yourself regarding this date so everything is all
clear now and am only sorry that we can't meet.

Best of luck and hopes of seeing you soon.

Sincerely,



Roger H. Hallowell

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